

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA
MARTINSBURG**

JAMES ALBERT SLONAKER,

Petitioner,

v.

**CRIMINAL ACTION NO.: 3:17-CR-54
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:19-CV-199
(GROH)**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent.

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Now before the Court is the Report and Recommendation (“R&R”) of United States Magistrate Judge Robert W. Trumble. Pursuant to this Court’s Local Rules, this action was referred to Magistrate Judge Trumble for submission of a proposed R&R. Magistrate Judge Trumble issued his R&R [ECF No. 50] on May 12, 2020.¹ Therein, Magistrate Judge Trumble recommends that the Petitioner’s Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence by a Person in Federal Custody [ECF Nos. 38, 44] be denied and dismissed with prejudice as untimely filed.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C), this Court must conduct a *de novo* review of the magistrate judge’s findings where objection is made. However, the Court is not required to review, under a *de novo* or any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge to which no objection is made. Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140,

¹ All CM/ECF numbers cited refer to Petitioner’s criminal case, 3:17-CR-54, unless otherwise stated.

150 (1985). Failure to file timely objections constitutes a waiver of *de novo* review and of a petitioner's right to appeal this Court's Order. 28.U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Snyder v. Ridenour, 889 F.2d 1363, 1366 (4th Cir. 1989); United States v. Schronce, 727 F.2d 91, 94 (4th Cir. 1984).

Objections to Magistrate Judge Trumble's R&R were due within fourteen plus three days of service. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). The R&R was mailed to the Petitioner on May 12, 2020. ECF No. 50. The Petitioner accepted service on May 18, 2020. ECF No. 51. To date, no objections have been filed. Accordingly, this Court will review the R&R for clear error.


Upon careful review of the R&R, it is the opinion of this Court that Magistrate Judge Trumble's Report and Recommendation [ECF No. 50] should be, and is hereby, **ORDERED ADOPTED** for the reasons more fully stated therein. Accordingly, the Respondent's Motion to Dismiss [ECF No. 49] is hereby **GRANTED**, and the Petitioner's Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence by a Person in Federal Custody [Civil Action No. 3:19-CV-199, ECF No. 1; Criminal Action No. 3:17-CR-54, ECF Nos. 38, 44] is **DENIED** and **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** as untimely filed.

As a final matter, upon an independent review of the record, this Court hereby **DENIES** the Petitioner a Certificate of Appealability, finding that he has failed to make "a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2).

This matter is **ORDERED STRICKEN** from the Court's active docket. The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to mail a copy of this Order to the Petitioner by certified mail, return

receipt requested, at his last known address as reflected on the docket sheet.

DATED: June 5, 2020



GINA M. GROH
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE